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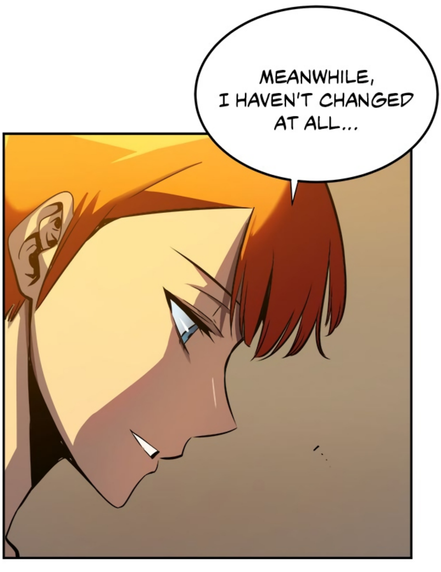
YOU'VE CHANGED SO MUCH, JINWOO.


MEANWHILE, I HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL...

YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT.
WE ALL HAVE DIFFERENT WAYS OF COPING.

YOU'RE RIGHT.

I HAVE TOO MUCH FEAR TO BE A HUNTER.
I'VE TRIED TO OVERCOME IT, BUT IT HASN'T BEEN EASY.

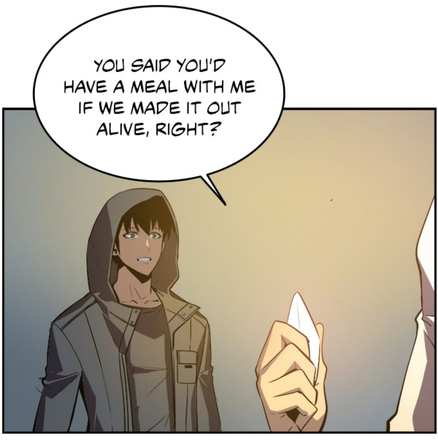
AS A B-RANK HEALER, I SHOULD BE GOING ON A-RANK OR B-RANK RAIDS.
OR AT THE VERY LEAST, C-RANK ONES.
I KNEW BETTER, BUT I STILL KEPT GOING ON D-RANK OR E-RANK RAIDS.
THAT'S WHY OUR PATHS KEPT CROSSING...

...AND I HEALED YOUR INJURES TIME AND TIME AGAIN.

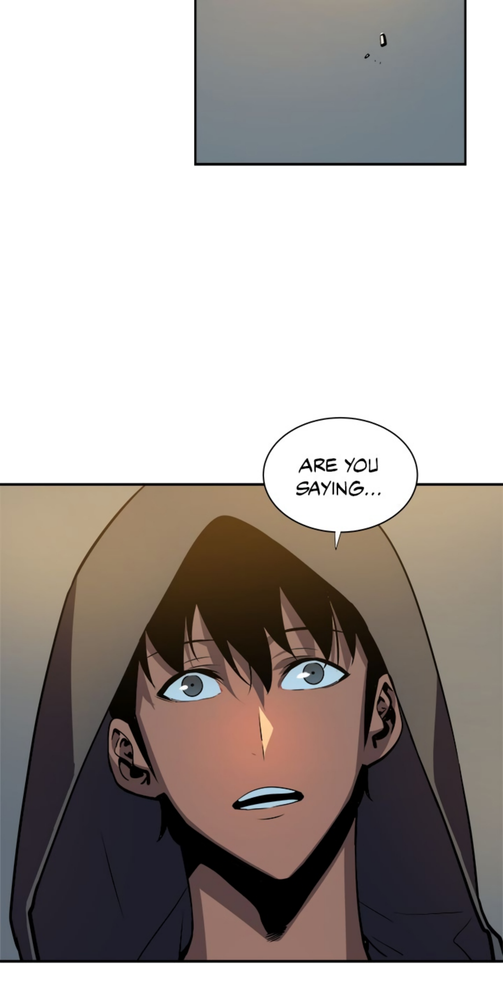
BUT...

YOUR EYES BURNED WITH THE DESIRE TO LIVE.
IT FELT LIKE YOU WERE SHOUTING OUT, "I'M GOING TO SURVIVE, NO MATTER WHAT!"

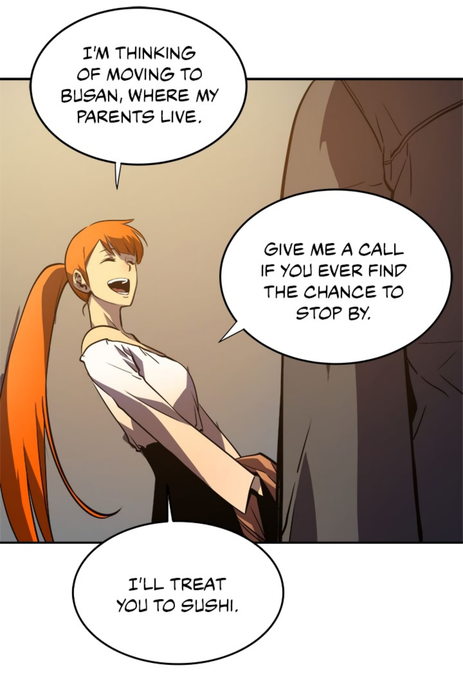
BUT I DON'T THINK I CAN KEEP UP WITH THAT KIND OF INTENSITY.


YOU SAID YOU'D HAVE A MEAL WITH ME IF WE MADE IT OUT ALIVE, RIGHT?

LET ME... GIVE THIS BACK TO YOU.

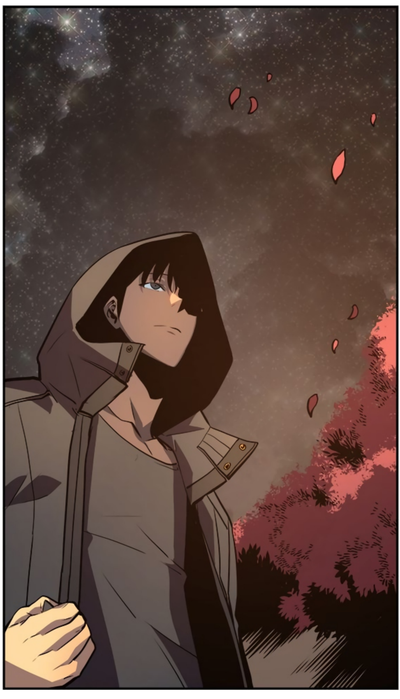

ARE YOU SAYING...

YES,
I'M RETIRING.


I'M THINKING OF MOVING TO BUSAN, WHERE MY PARENTS LIVE.
GIVE ME A CALL IF YOU EVER FIND THE CHANCE TO STOP BY.
I'LL TREAT YOU TO SUSHI.

IF I'M EVER IN THE AREA,
I'LL TRY ASKING YOU OUT FOR A MEAL AGAIN THEN.

OKAY!



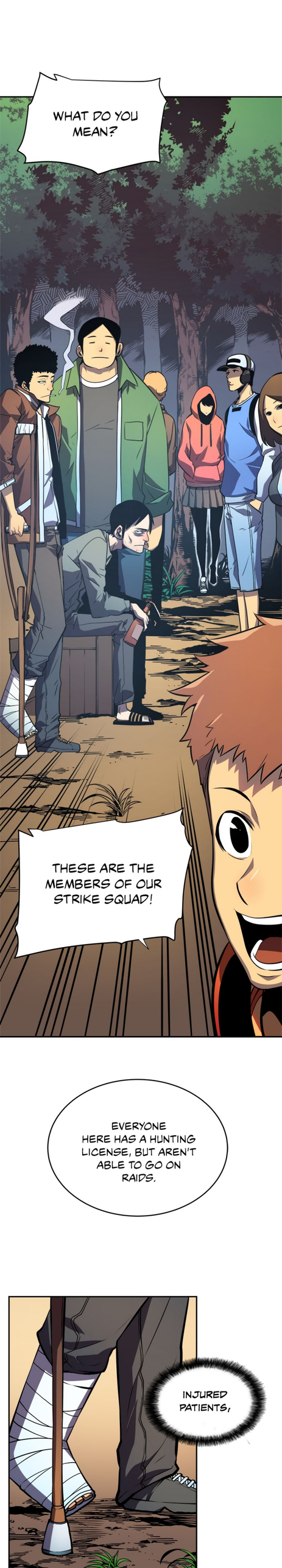
NOW, I HAVE ANOTHER REASON TO BECOME STRONGER.

SQUEEZE

I HAVE TO HURRY UP AND BECOME EVEN STRONGER.

THAT'S THE ONLY WAY I'LL SURVIVE.

HEY, JINHO.
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?


WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THESE ARE THE MEMBERS OF OUR STRIKE SQUAD!
EVERYONE HERE HAS A HUNTING LICENSE, BUT AREN'T ABLE TO GO ON RAIDS.
INJURED PATIENTS,

THAT'S HOW I ENDED UP RECRUITING HUNTERS WHO ARE GOING THROUGH HARD TIMES.
ALCOHOLICS, AND...

A LOT OF THEM CAME FOR PART-TIME WORK.
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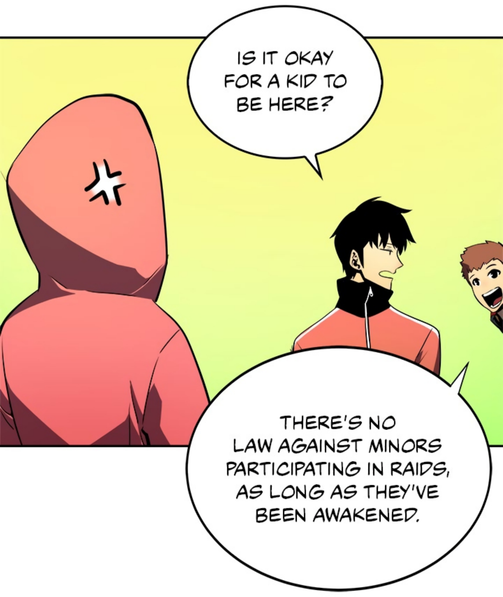
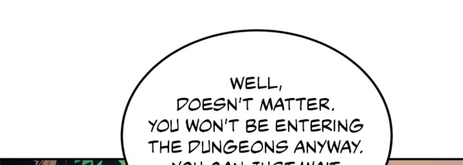

IS IT OKAY FOR A KID TO BE HERE?
THERE'S NO LAW AGAINST MINORS PARTICIPATING IN RAIDS, AS LONG AS THEY'VE BEEN AWAKENED.

DID YOU JUST CALL ME A "KID"? RUDE.
I'M A FULL-FLEDGED HUNTER.

YOU'RE A HIGH SCHOOLER, RIGHT? DO YOU HAVE ANY RAIDING EXPERIENCE?
UH... NO.
SO YOU'RE AN E-RANK.


WELL, DOESN'T MATTER. YOU WON'T BE ENTERING THE DUNGEONS ANYWAY.

JINHO AND I WILL BE THE ONLY ONES GOING INSIDE.

WE WANTED TO TAKE CARE OF THINGS OURSELVES, BUT WE COULDN'T ENTER A C-RANK DUNGEON WITHOUT A PARTY. THAT'S WHY WE CALLED ALL OF YOU HERE.

ACCORDING TO THE LAW, WE NEED AT LEAST 10 HUNTERS IN ORDER TO VENTURE INSIDE A C-RANK GATE.

TAKING ON A C-RANK DUNGEON BY THEMSELVES?

ARE THEY PROS?

EXCUSE ME... WILL YOU REALLY GIVE US THREE MILLION WON EVEN IF WE DON'T ENTER THE GATE?

YES, OF COURSE.

YOU'LL BE PAID THREE MILLION FOR EVERY RAID!

I'D SAY IT'S A PRETTY GOOD DEAL FOR NOT HAVING TO FIGHT ANY BATTLES.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS STAY NEAR THE ENTRANCE AND WAIT FOR US TO RETURN.

BUT REMEMBER, YOU MUST NOT TELL ANYONE WHAT YOU SEE AND HEAR TODAY.

AS STATED IN THE CONTRACT, IF YOU BREACH THE CONFIDENTIALITY CLAUSE, YOU MUST PAY A FINE THAT'S 10 TIMES MORE THAN WHAT YOU'VE BEEN PAID.

HEY, I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK...

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU WEARING?

A FULL SET OF ARMOR MADE BY A MASTER CRAFTSMAN IN ITALY. IT ENHANCES MY POWER.
IF THE TWO OF US ARE GOING TO TACKLE THESE DUNGEONS, I SHOULD AT LEAST BE PREPARED, DON'T YOU THINK?

TAP

CRASH

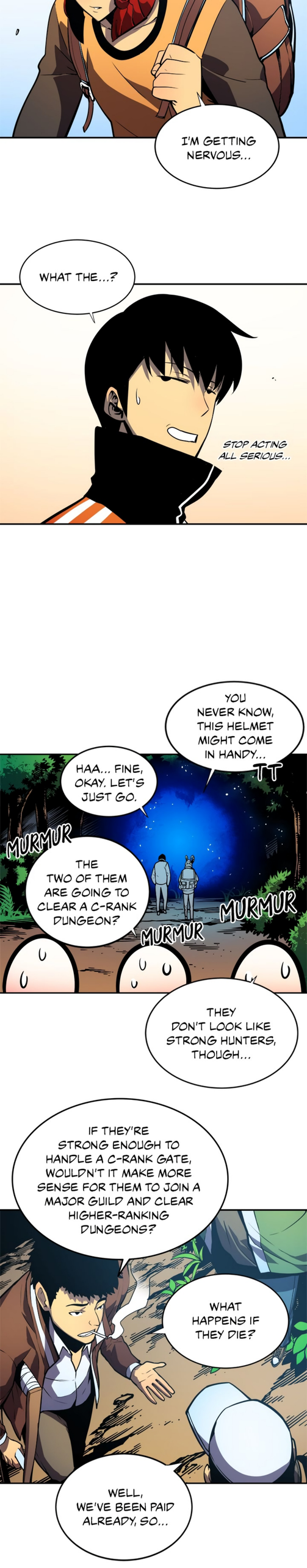
TAKE IT OFF WHILE I'M STILL ASKING NICELY.

...OKAY.

SIR...

COULD YOU PLEASE HELP ME UP?
FLAIL
FLAIL

ALL RIGHT! LET'S GO!


I'M GETTING NERVOUS...
WHAT THE...?
STOP ACTING ALL SERIOUS...
YOU NEVER KNOW, THIS HELMET MIGHT COME IN HANDY... TT
HAA... FINE, OKAY. LET'S JUST GO.
MURMUR
THE TWO OF THEM ARE GOING TO CLEAR A C-RANK DUNGEON?
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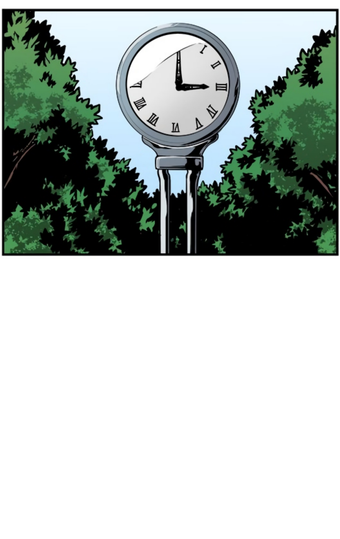
THEY DON'T LOOK LIKE STRONG HUNTERS, THOUGH...
IF THEY'RE STRONG ENOUGH TO HANDLE A C-RANK GATE, WOULDN'T IT MAKE MORE SENSE FOR THEM TO JOIN A MAJOR GUILD AND CLEAR HIGHER-RANKING DUNGEONS?
WHAT HAPPENS IF THEY DIE?
WELL, WE'VE BEEN PAID ALREADY, SO...

THAT E-RANK HUNTER, SUNG JINWOO. I KNOW THAT GUY.
HUNTERS CALL HIM "THE WEAKEST HUNTER OF ALL MANKIND."
WHAT KIND OF NICKNAME IS THAT?
THE SQUAD LEADER IS A D-RANK, THOUGH.

TSK, THEY'RE JUST TRYING TO ACT TOUGH, THAT'S ALL.
HOO
YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY. A YOUNG MAN'S PRIDE WILL BE THE DOWNFALL OF MANY.



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OOOHH, THEY MADE IT!
YOU GUYS MUST'VE BACKED OUT!
GOOD TO SEE YOU'RE ALIVE.

GAAH, THEY DIDN'T BACK OUT!!
LOOK OVER THERE!!

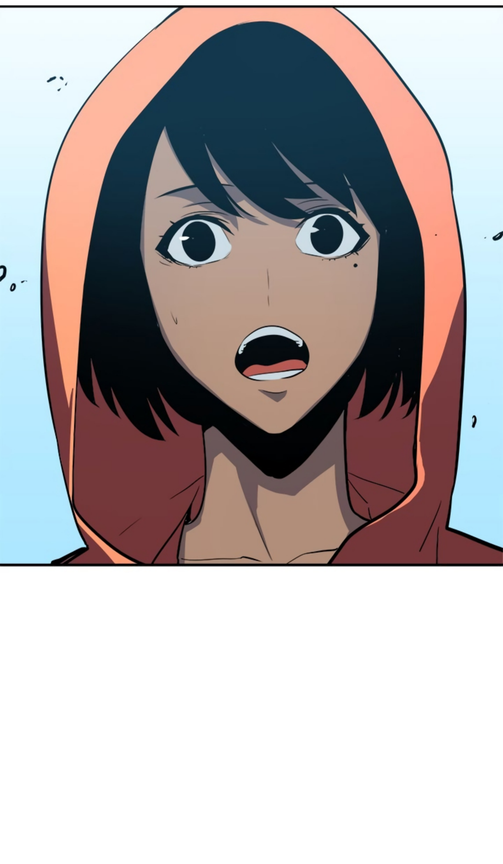
TH, THE GATE IS CLOSING!
RUMBLE
WHAT THE! YOU GUYS DEFEATED THE B, BOSS?
WHERE TO NEXT?
THE NEXT DUNGEON IS ABOUT AN HOUR AWAY FROM HERE, SIR.
LET'S GET MOVING, EVERYONE.
WE HAVE TO GET THROUGH A TOTAL OF THREE DUNGEONS TODAY.

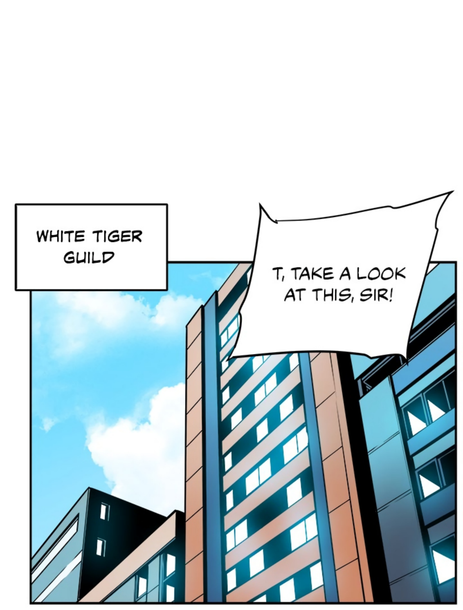
THIS IS A CHANCE FOR YOU TO EARN NINE MILLION WON, SO YOU'LL BE COMING ALONG, RIGHT?

ER... UM, YES. OF COURSE...

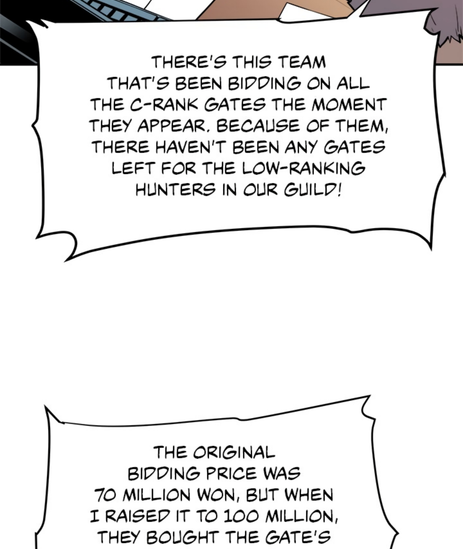
THEY JUST TORE THROUGH A C-RANK DUNGEON AND NOW THEY WANT TO GO ON ANOTHER RAID?

WHO ARE THESE GUYS?!




WHITE TIGER GUILD
T, TAKE A LOOK AT THIS, SIR!

WHAT?! 250 MILLION WON?
THERE ARE PEOPLE WILLING TO PAY 250 MILLION WON TO ENTER A C-RANK GATE?


THERE'S THIS TEAM THAT'S BEEN BIDDING ON ALL THE C-RANK GATES THE MOMENT THEY APPEAR. BECAUSE OF THEM, THERE HAVEN'T BEEN ANY GATES LEFT FOR THE LOW-RANKING HUNTERS IN OUR GUILD!

THE ORIGINAL BIDDING PRICE WAS 70 MILLION WON, BUT WHEN I RAISED IT TO 100 MILLION, THEY BOUGHT THE GATE'S ENTRY PERMIT FOR 250 MILLION.

THE SQUAD LEADER'S NAME IS YOO JINHO?
NEVER HEARD OF HIM BEFORE.
I THINK HE'S THE SECOND SON OF YOOJIN CONSTRUCTION'S CHAIRMAN.
IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S USING THE COMPANY'S FUNDS TO BUY UP THE GATES.
BUT THEY WOULDN'T BE MAKING A PROFIT FROM THIS.
A RICH KID'S TAKING HIS HOBBY A BIT TOO FAR.
!
KICHUL, SOMEONE SURVIVED THE DOUBLE DUNGEON INCIDENT FROM A COUPLE MONTHS AGO, RIGHT?
YES, I'M PRETTY SURE HIS NAME WAS...
SUNG JINWOO. IS THIS THE GUY?
YES, IT IS.

THERE'S SOMETHING... FISHY ABOUT THIS.
EVERYONE, STOP WHAT YOU'RE DOING. D-RANK HUNTER, YOO JINHO, AND E-RANK HUNTER, SUNG JINWOO.
BRING ME ALL THE INFORMATION YOU CAN FIND ON THESE GUYS!

RIGHT NOW!

To Be Continued...

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